GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Ambulance Services
Jaunpuria Shri Sukhbir Singh

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the shortage of ambulance services and hearse vans for the poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the allocation made for various emergency ambulance services during the last three years, State-wise ;

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the emergency ambulance services in the country; and

(e) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to meet the shortage of hearse vans in the country and if any guidelines have been issued to the State Governments for this purpose and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a) & (b): As per reports submitted by the States/UTs, there are more than 34,000 Ambulances in operation across the Country in public sector.

The data on availability of hearse vans is not available with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(c): The details of approvals for various emergency ambulance services under National Health Mission (NHM) during the last three years, State-wise - is at Annexure.

(d) & (e): Under NHM, States/UTs are provided technical and financial support for strengthening their healthcare systems, including for Emergency Ambulance Services.
No scheme to provide hearse vans has been formulated by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
The responsibility to provide services of hearse vans is within the remit of respective State/UT Governments.